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# DEFEAT 8 CONGRESSMEN

## SPICKELMIER NOW ADDED TO TEAMSTERS FAIR LIST

One of the longest labor-management disputes in the industrial history of Indianapolis came to an end Thursday, July 25, when Teamsters Union No. 716 reached an agreement with the Spickelmier Fuel & Supply Co.

This settlement ended one of the most bitter fights in the history of Local 716, according to James E. Deets, union president, who made the announcement.

Mr. Deets said:

### LOCAL 520 SIDELIGHTS

By STEPHEN TOTH

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Strisko, who are the proud parents of a seven pound boy. The Doctor called to notify us that Andy and the baby are getting along fine. Brother Andrew is employed at Whiting Lumber.

Our new Contract with the Major Oil Company is settled.

The City Freight Contract is close to being settled—we expect to be signed up soon.

McKeown Transportation contract is still hanging fire. So is Lake Cities Concrete and Certified's contract.

I asked Ray Shellabarger of Lake Cities Concrete to give me some news. So he hands me this Chinese poem. He also mentioned not to take it too seriously, because it's all in fun and sounds good.

First Verse:

Nice night

In June

Stars shine,

Big moon

In park

On bench,

With girl

In clinch.

Me say:

"Me love,"

She coo

Like dove,

Me smart,

Me fast,

Never let

Chance pass,

"Get hitched,"

Me say,

"O. K."

Wedding bells

Ring, ring

Honeymoon,

Everything.

Settle down,

Happy man.

Second Verse:

'Nother night

In June

Stars shine,

Big moon

Ain't happy

No more.

Carry baby,

Walk floor.

Wife's mad,

She fuss.

Me mad,

Me cuss.

Life one

Big spat,

Nagging wife,

Bawling brat.

Me realize

At last,

Me too

Damn fast.

"We wish to thank all those who have cooperated in establishing an effective boycott during the last five years.

"We also wish to notify all freight companies, contractors and other interested persons that the said company has been removed from all unfair lists and that business can be resumed with this company.

"We sincerely hope that relations in the future will be just as friendly as those in the past have been unfriendly."

The Spickelmier company is one of the biggest dealers in building supplies in Indiana. Its Indianapolis warehouses are at 1080 East 52nd St. and 108 South Denny St. and its company-owned plant, Builders Sand and Gravel Co., is at 73rd St. and Keystone Ave.

## Happy Days Won For City Workers

Promise that the streets of Indianapolis will be kept in a much cleaner condition hereafter has been made by the City Council, in voting to give union working conditions to all hourly paid employees of the street and sanitation departments.

Under the new ordinance these workers will receive vacations of one week after one year of service, six days' sick leave and pay for all holidays.

This action by the Council was a distinct victory for Teamsters Local 135, Indianapolis, headed by E. J. Williams.

It was taken after a long series of negotiations by the union

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## Uniform Contract Sought in Muncie

MUNCIE—Teamsters Local 369, headed by D. E. Mahoney is negotiating to obtain a uniform agreement with 47 employers here respecting working conditions for 400 members engaged in city pick-up and delivery service.

The question of wages has been adjusted satisfactorily, according to Mr. Mahoney, leaving only two questions open to discussion.

### Raises for Two Groups

Local 369 has signed an agreement with the Hardesty

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## Central Fibre Gives Raises To Local 417

VINCENNES—Central Fibre Products Co. here has granted 15 cents an hour wage increase, guarantee of the 48-hour week, and two weeks vacation after five years service, to members of Teamsters Local 417.

Agreement is retroactive to April 17, 1946.

It was reached in a series of peaceful negotiations between the management and Union, headed by Charles Miller.

Local 417 also has obtained a 15 to 25 percent increase, guarantee of 48 hours per week, and two weeks' vacation after three years' service for members employed by the Cunningham Dairy Co. of Washington, Ind. This is retroactive to June 6, 1946.

### Construction Drivers

Local 417 is negotiating with the major contractors of this locality for pay increases for approximately 75 members engaged in hauling construction materials.

Assisting Mr. Miller in the foregoing negotiations were Marlin Beaman, newly appointed assistant business representative; and committeemen John McBride and Siegel Winnegar.

## Local 11 Signs New Taxi Line

EVANSVILLE—Teamsters Union Local 11 has signed a union shop agreement with the new Black and White taxicab company here.

The company has employed 15 drivers, to start immediately, and expects to put on 20 more next month, with the arrival of new equipment.

The Union was represented in the negotiations by C. B. Birdsong, acting trustee; Roy Carter, president, and Lloyd Rhoads, secretary of Local No. 11.

A. H. Reynolds Jr., manager and Jerry C. Wilson, secretary-treasurer, signed for the cab company.

Messrs. Roynolds and Wilson are former members of the Marine Corps. Major Paul Wofford, formerly in U. S. Army service, is a limited partner in the new company.

Company officials say they are convinced that their additional ten cabs are necessary to relieve the local transportation situation. The cab firm, a spokesman said, will endeavor to give the public safe, courteous service at all times.

The Black and White is the third entry among Evansville taxi lines. They are all operating under union agreements.

## FLYNN SAYS HOOSIERS VOTED FOR INFLATION

Only two of Indiana's 11 congressmen are entitled to re-election, according to Thomas E. Flynn, executive assistant to President Tobin.

### INFLATION AGENTS

Here are the eight Hoosier Congressmen who "deliberately strangled price control and actually legislated inflation."

Halleck  
Grant  
Gillie  
Harness  
Johnson  
Landis  
Wilson  
Springer



THOMAS E. FLYNN

equally good voting record but because he was friendly to labor, he was purged by the Indiana state Republican convention when he sought nomination as United States senator, Flynn said.

Flynn is not a candidate for re-election to Congress.

"With the exception of Ludlow, Madden and LaFollette, every Indiana congressman is responsible for the inflation from which the nation is now suffering," Flynn said.

"They supported the amendments to the OPA which guaranteed excessive profits for big business and excessive prices for the consumers.

"They deliberately strangled price control and actually legislated inflation. President Truman did the only thing possible when he vetoed the fraudulent measure passed by Congress with the help of eight Republican congressmen from Indiana.

"These men are now attempting to deceive the voters again by claiming it was the President, not they, who killed price control. As a matter of

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## Workers Reject Drewry's Offer

SOUTH BEND—Two hundred and fifty members of Teamsters Union, Local 364 voted July 28 to reject a compromise offer made by the management of Drewry's Brewery, Ltd. here, in the walk-out which has tied up the brewery since June 26.

The Teamsters, according to Walter E. Biggs, union pres-

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## HELTON OF LAFAYETTE NAMED CLU PRESIDENT

LAFAYETTE—The Central Labor Union of this city and its vicinity has elected Silas W. Helton president for the new six-months' term. Mr. Helton is secretary-treasurer of Teamsters Union, Local 543. He succeeds President Lord of the CLU.

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## Living Costs Jump 25%

Living costs in the United States rose 25 percent in the first 16 days after collapse of OPA, says a report prepared by the Commerce Department and made public by the White House.

The increase in all but a handful of basic commodities amounted to 35 percent, by the Government's own interpretation of the report.

If it had not been for the fact that business groups working for the removal of all price controls extended themselves to hold prices down to a minimum rise while Congress was still debating the fate of OPA, hoping thereby to prove their point that price controls no longer were necessary, living costs would have gone still higher, in the opinion of the department.

As a result of the recent price spurt, the department said prices increased at a much faster rate since the Japanese surrender than they did during a comparable period after World War I, when the country was experiencing "serious inflation."

The official appraisal of the price situation was based on the behavior of the Bureau of Labor Statistics index of daily spot market prices for 28 basic commodities—the usual basis of living-cost studies—during the first 16 days of July.

It was pointed out that among these commodities were six which showed no price change—four because of other Government controls and two because of a market standstill due to economic uncertainties.

Eliminating these six commodities, it was noted, the price rise for the first 16 days of July at almost 35 percent, rather than the 25 percent indicated for all 28 commodities.

Farm products, food and imported goods lead in the upward price trend, the report showed. The largest percentage rise was in the price of silk, which had gone up more than 140 percent by July 16.

Other spectacular increases were recorded for shellac, hides, cacao beans and coffee, among the imports, and for hogs, lard, tallow, butter and corn, among domestic farm products.

"Corn, selling at \$2.27 a bushel, was actually priced higher than wheats," the report pointed out.

"The elimination of subsidy payments is, of course, a factor in the recent price rise, but the actual increases in prices have generally been greater than the former subsidy payments. This is particularly true in the case of livestock prices."

## Guest Editorial

By Governor Gates

In Indiana we recognize the principle of state responsibility and we are trying to practice what we preach. We arbitrate and conciliate our own labor disputes—we have developed a labor-management charter of co-operation and, except for the nationwide and industry-wide strikes, our state consequently has been remarkably free of labor trouble.

In fact within the last month, we could say that not a single industrial worker in Indiana—miners excluded, of course—was out on strike. We are meeting our problems as Indiana problems. Indiana is no one's stepchild.

## Why Rich Man Joined Union

From San Antonio, Texas, comes this story: Louis A. Yates, who resides in "a palatial residence" north of San Antonio and who has a private airfield on his estate, has become a member of the AFL truck drivers' union—that's Dan Tobin's aggressive Teamsters' organization.

Yates, who is 42 years old, doesn't expect to drive a truck, but once upon a time he was forced to work 12 hours a day for 50 cents an hour. Then he struck it rich and now wishes to do something to support organized labor.

He comes of a pioneer family. Iraan, in Pecos county, was named for his parents, the late Iraan and Ann Yates. The two given names were used to form the name of the town.

## MAYFLOWER DOINGS

We hear Don Ledbetter was sure in a hurry to get to Salome. Why? Ask Cliff Rader.

There's a rumor out that Darrel Vaughn is finally going to get married. Oh you lucky woman, you!

The Mayflower committee was in last week and made some preparations for the forthcoming contract.

Squeaky Beaver got hit on the head with a floor lamp, so they say!

Wonder what Howard Gromer is using on his hair now-a-days?

Cliff Rader finally got home. Whoopee!

Somebody told us about the time Joe Allee got his mustache dry-shaved. Oh for the good old days!

I'll bet 8-5 that Wayne Jarrett knows more dirty stories than any other driver. What a repertoire!

Charles Eskow at the present time knows every horse's name at any race track you mention. Better watch those bang tails, son!

## Tobin and Hobbs Bill

(From American Federationist)

Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, recorded his vigorous opposition to the Hobbs bill when the Senate, in a surprise action, passed it on a voice vote and sent it to the White House. Mr. Tobin warned that under this bill a hostile judge could interpret as unlawful "any argument used by a union representative to persuade a non-member to join."

Dan Tobin is one of the stalwarts of American trade unionism. He was elected to the presidency of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters in 1907. The International then had 28,000 members. Today it has about 700,000 and is recognized as one of the greatest unions in the world. It is an aggressive organization.

Mr. Tobin has a strong personality and a keen mind, is a forceful, logical speaker and has made at least as large a contribution as any other one man to the remarkable growth of U. S. organized labor during the past forty years.

## Union Wages Create Prosperity

I. M. ORNBURN, Secretary-Treasurer

Union Label Trades Department, American Federation of Labor

Labor Day always marks great progress in the American Federation of Labor movement. The past year has been one of outstanding achievement.

All practical economists agree that higher Union wages comprise the major portion of American purchasing power. Lower wages which cause underconsumption are the chief reason for depressions. When Union-earned money is spent for Union-made goods and Union services good times are guaranteed.

The AFL Union Label and Industrial Exhibition to be held in St. Louis, October 29 to November 3, 1946, will be a visual demonstration that Union-wage purchasing power—spent for Union Label goods—is the quickest route to Prosperity! It is the best goodwill-building event for Union workers, manufacturers, farmers and all consumers alike. There, on physical display, will be the proof that Union Label goods are superior in quality and craftsmanship.

## Ready Mixed Wage Scales Reopened

Teamsters Union 716 has reopened negotiations with the Heston Concrete Co. and Ready Mixed Concrete Corp., both of Indianapolis, looking to wage increases for its members employed by these companies.

Both companies are operating under a contract signed with the Union last January.

The contracts contain a clause inserted by the Union president, James E. Deets, providing for pay revision in event wage controls were lifted.

### Westinghouse Signed

Local 716 has obtained a union shop agreement with the Indianapolis branch of the Westinghouse Electric Co. giving the Union jurisdiction over all inside workers.

### Meeting Night

Next meeting of Teamsters Union, Local 716, will be held at 8 p.m., August 14, at 28 West North St., Indianapolis.

## Pat Mahoney Has A Hell of a Time Finding a Girdle

It was vacation time in Muncie and Pat Mahoney said he could run the office of 369, there in the Wysor Building and do everything that Mrs. Duke had been doing, and answer all the questions and everything while she was away, visiting in Dayton, Ohio.

There was nothing to it. All the big boss had to do was answer the phone and tell everybody that called to know about something important that there was no one there just now, and to call later.

It seemed though that to act like an office gal you needed to look like one, so Pat got himself a checkered dress. He even found a brassiere, and got it hooked up in the right places.

"But," he told someone, who confided to us, "I had a hell of a time finding a girdle."

He couldn't buy a girdle in any store so he went around and asked all the ladies he knew if they had a girdle they could lend him. They don't stretch any more and he needed one that was big enough without stretching, which required measuring.

The P. S. to this story is that Pat had a lot of fun trying to find the right one.

## Employment Slightly Up In One Year

The regular monthly survey conducted by the Indiana Employment Security Division in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, shows that Indiana factories employed 379,243 production workers in June, 1946, compared with 549,448 employed at the peak of the war boom in September, 1943. Current estimates for employment and pay rolls in all manufacturing in the state are based on voluntary reports received from a large sample composed of 723 firms.

Employment in eight groups of non-manufacturing enterprises surveyed showed gains of 1.6 per cent over mid-May and 7.7 per cent over the previous year. Weekly pay rolls in these industries recorded advances of 15.7 per cent over the previous month and 23.9 per cent over mid-June of last year.

The largest employment gain occurred in the group of iron and steel industries where 6.3 per cent more production workers were on pay rolls than in mid-May.

Further expansion in these industries seems to hinge upon the rate of production attainable in the metal working trades which produce scrap. Stock piles of scrap were reported at an all-time low, while supplies of ore were being used as fast as received in an effort to fill a backlog of orders for steel.

Machinery industries reported only small advances in employment, being limited by the amount of steel available. Electrical equipment manufacturers had been handicapped by a shortage of copper, but this situation was alleviated partially and some former employees were recalled between mid-May and mid-June.

Employment in transportation equipment, which includes the automobile makers, showed a small gain despite the curtailment of production resulting from scattered strikes in the plants of suppliers. This group of industries also encountered employment limitations because of the scarcity of steel.

Low supplies of copper, resulting from mine-smelter strikes, caused a substantial decrease in the number of production employees working in brass, bronze and copper fabricating industries.

Despite the demand for building materials, the lumber industry also showed a decline in employment between mid-May and mid-June. Reporting firms accounted for this by stating they experienced a combination of a manpower shortage, labor disputes, lack of equipment and unfavorable weather.

Among nondurable manufacturers, the food group made the largest employment gain from mid-May to mid-June. This was a seasonal rise due largely to the spring pea pack. Employment advances also were made by the apparel and textile, rubber products, and the miscellaneous groups. Clay, stone and glass industries reported employment decreases.

## WORKERS REJECT DREWRY'S OFFER

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ident, demand 18½ cents an hour increase.

Negotiations are being continued.

The vote to reject the company's compromise offer was unanimously voiced by the body, at a mass meeting.

Negotiations also are being conducted with the Swift Ice Cream Co. here from which members of Local 364 walked out a week ago.

# INFANTILE PARALYSIS SEASON IS STARTING

## Ten Cases Strike Indiana, But No Epidemic to Date

Reports reaching the Indiana office of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis indicate that ten new cases of polio have struck in Indiana since July 1, beginning of the five-month summer period during which the disease is most prevalent.

This brings the total number of cases for the year in Indiana up to 29, according to Miss Betty Malinka, Indiana Field Representative of the National Foundation.

Four deaths resulted from January to May.

Three cases were reported in Columbus, the last of these striking July 23.

Despite this fact Dr. J. W. Jackson, director of the division of communicable disease control of the Indiana State Board of Health, states that no notable concentration of the disease has been found.

"We are in the midst of a seasonal increase," he said, "but there is no epidemic and no cause for undue alarm."

Dr. Jackson advised that Hoosiers chart their vacation trips away from the five Southern states which have reported serious outbreaks of the dreaded disease. The states are California, Colorado, Florida, Alabama and Texas.

He also presented a four-point precaution program for Hoosier parents:

1. All child operations involving the upper respiratory tract (tonsils and sinus) should be postponed, unless urgent, until late November or December.

2. Both children and adults should swim only in approved pools. Although physicians do not definitely know the polio germ is transmitted by sewage and polluted water, this precaution is suggested.

3. Avoid overexertion.

4. Practice general rules of hygiene.

## LOCAL 135 WINS UNION CONDITIONS FOR CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS WORKERS

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substantial wage increase, retroactive to July 6, and a 40-hour week, with guarantee of ten hours per week overtime. Back pay given the drivers totals \$2,300.

On the Union committee with Mr. Williams were Fred Marshall, president and Bruce Travis, business representative.

### McKeown Agreement

Drivers of McKeown Transportation Co. get a substantial increase in wages, retroactive to May 1 by terms of a new contract just signed with Local 135.

This agreement dissolves a strike notice filed by the union with the National Labor Relations Board in June.

### Farm Bureau Give Raise

A new contract with the Indiana Farm Bureau Co., Inc. gives members of Local 135 a

## Local No. 298 Seeks New Pacts

Renewal of contracts with the Arno Tape Co. and Brown Trucking Co., both of Michigan City, are sought in negotiations which have just been started by Local 298.

### JOE WILLIAMS SAYS:

The more you do the more you can do. While you are Priming one Job you are Putting on Muscle to Lick another.



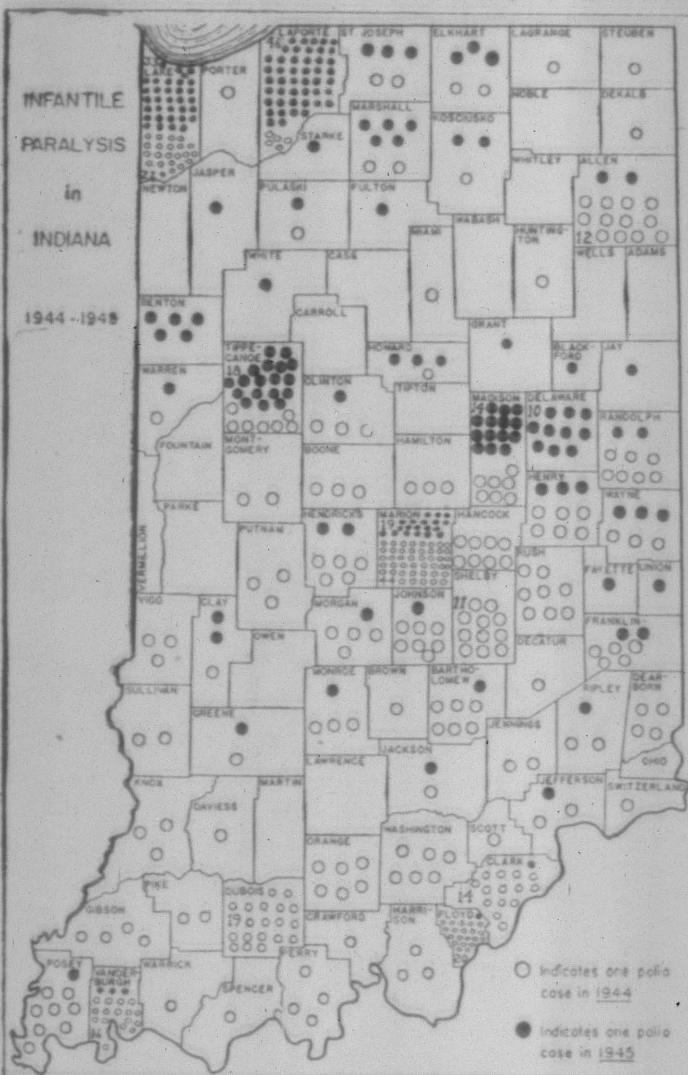
He was delivering a load of 5,000 gallons of gasoline from East Chicago. Before hitting the pump his vehicle reportedly side-swiped the rear wheel of a truck driven by Bernard Whalen of Evansville, who was traveling north in Road 41.

### Harley Brown Dies

On the same day the members of Local 298 were saddened by the death of another member, Harley Brown, who had been a patient for two months at Healthwin Hospital, north of South Bend.

Mr. Brown, who was one of the union's pioneer members, was a victim of T.B.

## Where Disease Has Fallen



The map above, prepared by the Indiana office of the national foundation from reports made to the Indiana State Board of Health, shows that in 1944 infantile paralysis cases were largely centered in southern Indiana, with Dubois, Floyd, Clark and Vandenburgh counties bearing the brunt of the attack.

In 1945, counties north of Indianapolis were hit most heavily, while cases dwindled to a minimum in the southern section. LaPorte county jumped from five cases of polio in 1944 to 46 in 1945, and Lake county experienced a 50 per cent increase last year. In other of the more populous northern counties, Tippecanoe's cases increased from seven to 18, Madison's from seven to 14, and Delaware's from zero to 10. Allen county was the exception in the northern group, with 12 cases in 1944 and only two in 1945.

As a further indication of polio's freakish attacks, it was pointed out that in the state's most severe outbreak—in 1940—the area around South Bend and Elkhart was struck hardest, while in 1945 these counties were comparatively spared despite the larger number of cases in neighboring LaPorte county.

## Black Market Congressmen Should Not Be Re-elected

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truth, and as a matter of official record, price control was killed when Congress passed the bill the President vetoed.

"It would have been impossible to maintain price controls under that measure and Congress knew it.

"Its passage was a sinister conspiracy by Congress to bring inflation and fix the blame on OPA. Congress has followed this same policy for years, constantly weakening the OPA by amendments permitting higher prices and laws restricting its ability to enforce its regulations.

### The People Betrayed

"Congress is responsible for the black markets because it denied the OPA the funds to wipe them out.

"Never have the American people been so betrayed by the men they elected and entrusted with the responsibility of protecting their interests! These congressmen, now running for re-election, cannot shirk the consequences of their evil acts.

"It is labor's responsibility to remember and vote against these men in November. If labor fails to vote, we will have

the same vicious kind of Congress after November that we have now.

"Ordinarily in off-year elections about 20 million working people fail to vote. If they vote this year, most of the congressmen who have tried to cripple labor with legal restrictions and high prices will be defeated.

"Every time a man buys his groceries he should look at his dwindling change and remember that Congress took that money out of his pocket. It also took food off his table. The eight Indiana Republican congressmen running for re-election must accept responsibility for that.

"When they ask for your vote, ask them about OPA and the Case bill. Ask them to explain the votes by which they placed the nation in its gravest economic crisis. Ask them what they could do, or would do, to

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## VINCENNES LOCAL 417 REPORTING

By CHARLES MILLER

Brother Marlin Beaman, formerly with Tip Top Creamery, has started to work for the Local as Assistant Business Agent. Brother Beaman has been steward at the Creamery for nearly five years. Let's all cooperate with Brother Beaman in carrying out his new duties.

Vincennes Transfer and Storage Co. has been organized in the past few weeks and has signed our City Freight Agreement. Glad to have the employees as members of the Local.

A contract has been signed with Mitchell Furniture Co. of Vincennes, providing for a closed shop and substantial increases in wages.

The Concrete Block Plant on the Hart Street Road has been organized with closed shop agreement and substantial wage increases. We welcome these 14 employees into our Local Union.

I want to thank the members at Washington, Indiana, Flora and Lawrenceville, Illinois, for their fine attendance at our meetings which we now hold in their respective cities.

The Bee Line Cab Co. of Washington, Indiana, has signed our Taxi Cab Agreement and is hiring Union drivers.

We have just organized the drivers of the Hamilton & Fulton Glass Co. in Vincennes. Thanks to the Union members in the plants for their cooperation.

Congratulations to Brother Joe Hooper upon being promoted to a supervisor job at Tip Top Creamery Co.

We are sorry to hear that Brother Clyde Self has lost his father. Brother Self is on our board of trustees.

We are now negotiating with our employers in the Construction industry for wage increases and better working conditions.

Our City Freight agreement will soon be opened for negotiations. We suggest that all members working at City Freight attend all special meetings called in their favor.

## Muncie Local 369 Gets Wage Raises

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Trucking Co. here, giving increased wages and two weeks' vacation after three years' service. Pay increases are retroactive to July 1, 1946.

Western Sand and Gravel Co. also has granted wage increases to members of Local 369, retroactive to June 1 of this year.

avert the depression now coming on us.

### These Spark Plugs of Disaster

"We trusted them and they have betrayed us. If we are foolish enough to trust them again, we will deserve what we get—and what we get will be another depression which the American system of government may be unable to survive."

"The voters in Oklahoma have just defeated three of the five congressmen from that state who voted against the OPA. If we can do as well in Indiana, the next Congress cannot possibly be as bad as the present one."

# SHELL AMERICAN SHELLS OUT PAY RAISES

## New Contract Just Signed For 3 Locals

By O. B. CHAMBERS

Local Unions 759, 298 and 364 have just finished the transport contract with Shell American, in which the members were granted an 18 percent increase. This contract expires November 1 but pay was made retroactive back to June 1, giving the transport drivers five months increase over old contract.

The local bulk plant contract covering bulk plant employees, country route drivers and city drivers for Shell American has been settled with an 18 percent increase. This contract expires September 1 and was made retroactive to June 1, giving members of Local Union 759 the benefit of three months increase over the old contract.

The contract covering the Omar bakery loaders, shipping room, garage employees has been signed by Local Union 759, with a closed shop contract covering these people. This now makes the Omar Bakery 100 percent under closed shop agreement in Kokomo.

The contract covering the bread drivers which was negotiated jointly with Local Unions 188-891-369-759 has been settled and an agreement reached which will expire June 1, 1947.

We have also settled the contract covering Ward's on wholesale routes, which was negotiated jointly with Local 364, covering our men in Peru and Logansport. In this contract a nice increase was granted on base pay.

All the personnel of Local 759 are winding up their vacation periods and by the first of August everyone will be back on the job, we hope, feeling much better.

We still have the contract covering the Victory Ordnance Plant in Peru and National Cylinder Gas Co. in Logansport to complete. Also the contract covering our beer drivers is in negotiations.

Local Union 759 has filed a Smith-Connally strike notice against the Allisbaugh and Unger Trucking Cos. at Wabash for violation of contract and back pay payments.

The Safety Cab Co. with whom we were negotiating has gone out of business and we are now in the process of organizing the Veterans Cab Co.

When riding a cab, buying bread or milk, coal or gasoline request the man who serves you to show his book and button.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The next regular meeting of Local Union No. 759 will be held at the Labor Temple, Kokomo, at 8 p.m. September 7.

## A Horse Team For Labor Day

To have a big part in the Labor Day parade at LaPorte, Teamsters Local 298 is planning to have its section led by an old-fashioned horse-drawn wagon.

The wagon will be ancient enough to symbolize the beginning of the Teamster movement in that part of Indiana.

Pete Wilkes, union secretary-treasurer, thinks maybe he'll

## TAXICAB LEADER GOOD DEMOCRAT



Chief reason why Evansville has such a splendid taxicab system—nothing at all like the miserable service in Indianapolis—is that all the hackmen in that city are Union Teamsters, members of Local 11, headed by Lloyd Rhoads, shown (left) in this picture. Mr. Rhoads wasn't talking about taxicabs, however, when snapped in the lobby of the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, by a photographer for the Leader. He was here to attend the recent Democratic State Convention and his interest was in seeing what could be done about getting some Democrats elected down in Vandalia county. This was Topic A also with two other prominent Evansville labor leaders, John Soucie (center) and Fred Wentzel.

## TWO MORE SIGN 'BEST' CONTRACT

Two more major wholesale bakery companies of Indianapolis have reached agreement with Teamsters Local 188 and signed "the best wholesale bread contract in the country."

These are the Regen Baking Co., 826 South Meridian St. and the South Side Baking Co., Inc., 915 South Meridian St.

The contracts were signed after a series of negotiations with a union committee headed by C. E. Davis, president, and shortly after announcement that the union had signed up five big wholesale companies, whose negotiating committee

was headed by Carl Kunert, regional manager of the Continental Baking Co.

The contracts, identical with those signed by the original five companies, give the Indianapolis salesdrivers a substantial increase in basic guarantee and other concessions, all retroactive to June 1, 1946.

Basic guarantee is of \$50 a week on sales totaling \$410 and 10 per cent on all over \$410, with two weeks' vacation after one year of service as explained in our last issue.

Serving with President Davis in the negotiations were George Oakley, steward; Al Jordan and Harry Linder, salesdrivers, of the Regen Co.; Harold Courtney, steward; Earl Smith and Dennis Sullivan, salesdrivers of the South Side Co.

drive the horses himself. But they'd better be gentle.

The Union plans to have at least ninety pieces of equipment in the parade, a piece for virtually every organized barn in the city.

## 61st Annual Convention Of ISFL September 17

Official plans for the approaching convention in Indianapolis of the Indiana State Federation of Labor specify that every one of the 1,000 or more delegates who hopes to be seated must prove that he is wearing at least three garments bearing the union label.

Other details are contained in the call for the 61st annual convention to be held in Tomlinson Hall, starting September 17 next.

The announcement, sent from the Federation's state office to all local unions, central bodies, district and state bodies affiliated with the State Federation, says, in part:

Each local union is entitled to one delegate for each 50 members, or majority fraction, while a special schedule applies to the larger locals: 11 delegates for 751-1,000 members, 12 delegates for 1,001-2,000 members, etc.

No local is entitled to representation if it has been in arrears six months in its per capita tax payments to the Federation.

CLU's, district and state organizations have five delegates. Women's auxiliaries and union labor leagues may have delegates but no votes.

All resolutions shall be typed in triplicate and delegates are asked to give resolutions to the secretary not after the opening date of the convention.

A number of nationally known persons have signified their intention of attending the conclave and addressing the delegates.

One of the outstanding speakers will be James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union. Mr. Patton and his potent organization have been one of labor's strongest friends in the current session of Congress. Mr. Patton is recognized as one of the nation's most brilliant orators.

### Campaign in South

Authoritative, up-to-the-minute news on the American Federation of Labor's far-flung Southern organizing campaign will be brought to the convention delegates by Will

iam Mitch, president of District No. 20, United Mine Workers of America, with headquarters at Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Mitch will also give delegates a vivid picture of labor conditions in the southern states.

Another noted speaker on the convention program will be James Brownlow, secretary of the Metal Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Brownlow is well known to many Hoosier AFL members through his long association with the labor movement.

The State Federation feels fortunate in obtaining for one of the principal sessions an authority on the atomic bomb. He is Prof. R. G. Gustavson of the University of Chicago, who pioneered in the atomic experiments and was one of the leaders in its developments. His address will be one of the highlights of the convention.

### Insurance Plans

Edwin Tobin, an official of the Union Labor Life Insurance Company, will explain the purpose and policies of his organization which was organized for the particular benefit of American Federation of Labor members.

One of labor's most inspired and fiery speakers—James McDevitt—has also accepted the invitation to attend the convention. He is president of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor.

Carl Mullen, president of the Federation, and John Acker, secretary-treasurer, are now busily engaged in working out details for the convention which promises to be the most successful in the federation's history.

## UP-TO-DATE WITH NO. 188

By SWEDE WAECHTER

To a hungry man there is no bad bread.



C. E. Davis had the pleasure of reporting our new wholesale contract at the Bakery Drivers' conference at Kansas City, and received a big hand. We of Local 188 want to thank you, C. E., for the best damn contract in the United States!

All of our bread contracts are signed, wholesale and retail, thanks to C. E. and our committeemen.

We have a new contract at Indiana Condensed Milk Co. at Sheridan—Wilson's milk to youse guys. Also we have organized their Lebanon plant and have signed a contract with an increase of 8½ to 18½ cents an hour for both plants.

This time next month we hope to announce a signed contract with Furnas Ice Cream Co.

Felix Maris spent his vacation at Lake Freeman. He had a swell time fishing and admiring the scenery, bare midriffs and stuff.

Did you know that the U. S. armed forces service button is not a discharge button at all, but an emblem to indicate the wearer has completed his prescribed military service?

Many of our loyal brothers and sisters are still buying scab milk! This doesn't sound like members of Local No. 188. Let's all buy milk from a union driver—Capitol or Kroger. You all know we have the best Teamster local there is. We would like to keep it that way. So support these BROTHER MEMBERS of yours.

### What Butter?

An Arkansas farmer was driving down the road with a wagon load of barnyard fertilizer. A tourist from New York chanced to stop him to inquire directions. After obtaining the information he desired, the tourist inquired of the farmer what he had in the wagon.

"Manure," said the farmer, "Going to spread it on my rhubarb."

"Well, I'll be damned," said the tourist, "and my wife laughs at me for spreading butter on my pie."

—Exchg.

A lady, after 30 years, decided to join the church. As the deacons plunged her into the river the first time, she gasped:

"I believe!"

On the second she chattered:

"I believe!"

A third time, gulping for air, she sputtered:

"I believe!!!"

One of the elders interposed:

"You believe what, Sister?"

She eyed him savagely.

"I believe you stinkers are trying to drown me." —Exchg.

Officers and members of Local 188 were distressed to learn of the death of Mrs. Fred L. Shreve, and we wish to express our deepest sympathy to Fred and other members of the family. Mr. Shreve is a driver for the National Biscuit Co.

## AFL UNIONS WIN NLRB ELECTIONS

WASHINGTON — The National Labor Relations Board has reported that it conducted 4,919 elections during 1945 in which a bargaining agent was named in almost 83 per cent of the elections held, and with nearly 80 per cent in favor of a union.

Jurisdictionally, affiliates of the AFL participated in 2,373 elections,

or 48.2 per cent of the total, and were successful in 68.3 per cent.

### Officer of Label League

TERRE HAUTE — Henry Thompson, of Teamsters Union Local 144, has been installed as recording secretary of the Vigo county Label league.